

Turkey

9 Night Essential Turkey



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Day 1: - Fri - Arrive Istanbul. Meet and Assist . Transfer to your Hotel

Evening - Welcome Dinner at Kumkapi. Overnight Istanbul (D)

Day 2: Sat Istanbul. After breakfast, enjoy a full day guided tour of old city - once known as the former Imperial Capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. Highlights of the day are as follows:

am - Visit to the Blue Mosque constructed by Architect Mehmet, dedicated to Sultan Ahmet III, famous with 6 minarets and 21,043 pieces of blue tiles . Then visit the Hagia Sophia , built by Justanian where you can witness Christian mosaics with Islamic scroll work followed by visit to the Basilica Cistern and the Hippodrome.

pm - You can soak in the Sultan;s opulence at the Topkapi Palace dating back from the 15th century displaying robes, weaponry and jewellery of the Ottoman Sultans, We then pay a visit to the 15th century Grand Bazaar, with 4000 shops. Your day ends here with return to Hotel

Optional - Dinner Cruise and Show Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3: Sun - -Istanbul / Kayseri / Cappadocia -Today morning after breakfast Fly to Kayseri. Upon arrival, pay a visit to the . Goreme Valley, a magical little village set amid the surreal Cappadocia landscape with its open air museum and all its Churches,Valleys like dervants , pasabag and the Uchisar Castle. with wonderful views of the city (B, D)

Day 4: - Mon -.Cappadocia Our journey starts with the rose and the red valley , Cavusin old cave village and the Basilic of St John. We then explore the underground city Kaymakli, where early Christians escaped the persecution of the Romans by hiding in the intricate network of caves. Marvel at the ingenuity of the early settlers who hand- carved their homes into the volcanic rock. You will see a demonstration of a master craftsman behind a pottery wheel at the art gallery Dinner and Overnight Cappadocia. (B,D)

You may take Optional excursions (am -The Balloon Ride and or pm- Turkish Folklore Show today) .

Day 5 - Tue Cappadocia - Konya - Pamukkale - Breakfast at the Hotel,drive to Konya, the old biblical city Iconium where St Pavlus stepped .Konya was also the capital of Seljouk Kingdom .We arrive Konya after visiting the Caravanserai Sultanhani built on X111e century on silk road.When we arrive to Konya, we visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana Celalleddin Rumi and the Monastery of Whirling Dervishes . We then continue to Pamukkale

Dinner and Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 6 - Wed - Pamukkale - Kusadasi Breakfast at Hotel and drive to the legendary site of Pamukkale with its fascinatiing chalky terraces. Then visit the old city of Hierapolis, a Unesco World Heritage Site with its famous Necropolis , the Theatre Agora, the Martyrium of St. Philip and last but not least the Pools of Cleaopatra, presented to her by her beloved Mark Anthony as a wedding gift. Later drive to Kusadasi for Dinner and Overnight (B, D)

Day 7 - Thur - Kusadasi - Today morning you may take a Optional guided tour of Ephesus, a stunning preserved ancient city and visit the Temple of Artemis, which was then one of the seven wonders of the world. Afternoon, you will visit the Cottage of Virgin Mary, where she spent her last days. Then after you will enjoy a display of the latest leather fashion and witness the local art of weaving . Dinner and Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 8 - Fri Pergamum - Troy- Canakkale Visit the ancient Medical Center Asclepion in Pergamum as well as the magnificent Accropolis Asia Minor's former political powerhouse, although now a laid back market town packed with ancient sites and continue to a traditional local village for lunch with locals. Then continue to Troy with its famous wooden horse and continue on to Canakkale for overnight. (B, D)

Day 09 - Sat Dardanelles - Gallipoli - Istanbul In the morning depart for Gallipoli, the site of many battles during WWI. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair, and then drive to Istanbul. Visit to Spice Bazaar in Istanbul (time permitting) Enjoy a Farewell Dinner. Overnight Istanbul. (B D)

Day - 10 Sun - Istanbul – Depart Istanbul Transfer to airport. or May take an Optional Greek Cruise BesOr

